

BER-DE-S STORY

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BRIDE S.E.D. STORY

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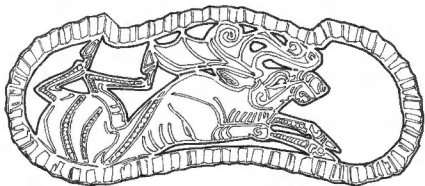




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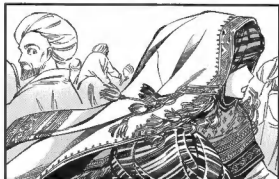
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SOJOURN





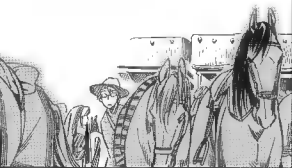


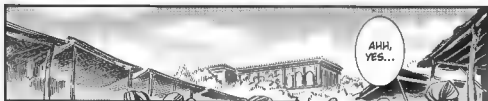
















OHHHH!

CHUBAR!!



OR
RATHER,
HOW CAN
I EVER
REPAY
YOU...?

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!



IS IT ALL
THERE?



TAKE
YOUR
THINGS
AND
GO.



I WILL
BROOK
NO THEFT
IN MY
MARKET.

WE WILL
PUNISH
THE
CRIMINALS
ACCORD-
INGLY.



THANK
GOOD-
NESS...

CHUBBAR,
THANK
GOODNESS...



AH...

YES,
PROB-
ABLY...



NOW, IF
YOU'LL
PARDON
ME...



I SAY,
I WAS AT A
COMPLETE
LOSS!

I'M SO
GLAD WE'VE
GOTTEN
THEM BACK!



...YOU'RE
WELCOME
TO STAY WITH
US WHILE
YOU WAIT.

IF YOU
HAVEN'T
ANY
OBJEC-
TIONS...



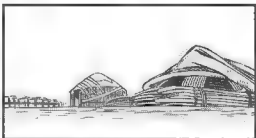
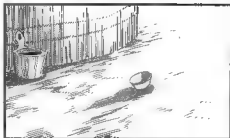
THAT IS,
IF YOU
HAVEN'T
DECIDED ON
A PLACE TO
STAY YET.

MY
MOTHER-IN-
LAW WOULD
BE SO HAPPY
TO HAVE A
GUEST.



EXCUSE
ME...









TALAS
CAME AS A
BRIDE TO THE
ELDEST SON
WHEN SHE
WAS SIXTEEN.



THEY WERE
ORIGINALLY
A HOUSE-
HOLD THAT
INCLUDED
HER HUS-
BAND AND
FIVE SONS.

SO THIS
IS HOW
THE STORY
WENT.



BOTH CLANS
WERE INVITED,
AS WERE MOST
OF THE
NEIGHBORS.
FORTY GOATS
AND TEN MARES
WERE GIVEN
AS GIFTS.

IT WAS A
RATHER
EXTRA-
VAGAN-
T WEDDING.

IT WAS
THE WHITE
HORSE THAT
HAD BEEN
VALUED THE
MOST.

THAT
HORSE WAS
ONE OF THE
FATHER'S
GIFTS TO THE
COUPLE.





...THE
ELDEST
SON TOOK
ILL AND
DIED
SUDDENLY.

HOWEVER,
ONLY A
FEW YEARS
HAD
PASSED
WHEN...



SO IT WAS
DECIDED THAT
SHE WOULD
MARRY HER
HUSBAND'S
BROTHER.

DEATH HAD
SEPARATED
HUSBAND
AND WIFE
BEFORE ANY
CHILDREN
COULD BE
BORN.



ANYONE
COULD SEE
THAT SHE
LOVED HER
SECOND
HUSBAND EVEN
MORE THAN
HER FIRST.



HE
INHERITED
EVERYTHING,
INCLUDING
HIS BROTHER'S
HORSE.

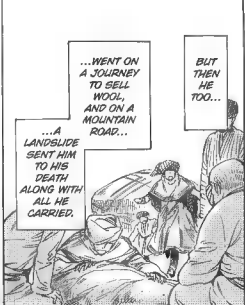


THE SECOND
SON WAS
QUIET BUT
VERY
ATTENTIVE.



THEN
SHE
MARRIED
THE
THIRD
SON.

IT SEEMS
THAT THEY
DIDN'T GET
ALONG VERY
WELL.



...WENT ON
A JOURNEY
TO SELL
WOOL,
AND ON A
MOUNTAIN
ROAD...

...A
LANDSLIDE
SENT HIM
TO HIS
DEATH
ALONG WITH
ALL HE
CARRIED.

BUT
THEN
HE
TOO...



AND
THEN
THE
FIFTH.



WITH THE
DEATH OF
THE THIRD,
SHE MAR-
RIED THE
FOURTH.



...BUT HE FELL
TO THE SAME
ILLNESS AS
THE FIRST.

HE
WAS THE
FIFTH
AND
YOUNG-
GEST
SON...





AND
JUST
LIKE
THAT...

...HE PASSED
ON, ALMOST
AS IF HE
HAD SIMPLY
VANISHED.

HER
HUSBAND,
HAVING
WATCHED
EACH OF
HIS SONS
AND HEIRS
DIE...

...FELL
INTO A
DEEP DE-
PRESSION
AND WITH-
ERED...



...SO I TOLD
HER SHE SHOULD
GO BACK TO HER
BIRTH RELATIVES
AND HAVE THEM
FIND HER A NEW
HUSBAND.

.....SHE'S
STILL SO
YOUNG...



I GUESS
THAT IS
THE WILL
OF GOD.

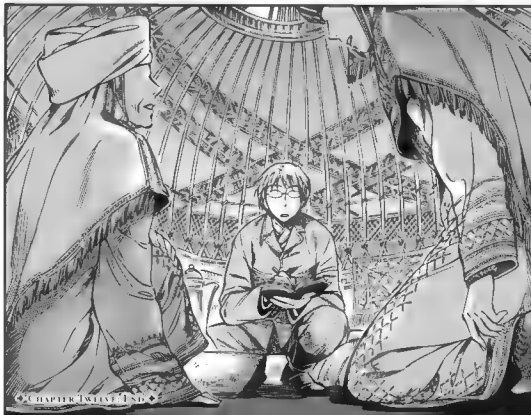
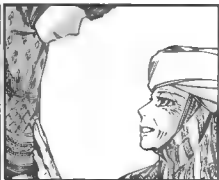
IT IS MY
FATE TO
BE ALONE
IN THE
END.



BUT
YOU
SEE...

...SHE
WON'T
HEAR OF IT.







◆ CHAPTER THIRTEEN ◆



◆
CHAPTER THIRTEEN
ENTREATY
◆











SIMPLY
PROVIDING
FOR A
GUEST HAS
LIFTED HER
SPIRITS.

...WAS
TRULY OVER-
JOYED WHEN
SHE SAW
THAT YOU HAD
COME TO
VISIT, MR.
SMITH.



MY
MOTH-
ER...



SHE'S
HAD SO
MUCH...

...TRAGEDY
AND
SADNESS
IN HER
LIFE...



SHE
DOESN'T
SMILE LIKE
SHE USED
TO.

IT'S BEEN
SO LONG
SINCE I'VE
SEEN HER
ENJOYING
HERSELF THIS
MUCH...



JUST
UNTIL YOU
FIND THE
MAN YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR.

PLEASE
STAY
HERE!

I BEG OF
YOU...



.....



NO
MATTER
WHAT
SHE SAID
ABOUT
ME...

MOTHER
KNOWS
THE TRUE
SITUATION
DEEP
DOWN.

...PLEASE
DON'T
CONCERN
YOURSELF
OVER IT.







TO NOMAD
HERDERS...



...
WORK
VERY
HARD.

...ALL
SEEM
TO...

...THE
WOMEN
OF THIS
REGION...

WE'VE
WALKED
QUITE A
DIS-
TANCE.

AH, SO
WE'RE
HERE.

DO YOU
THINK
SO?



WELL,
IT'S NOT
JUST
CON-
FINED...

TO H H H !

...TO
THEM,
BUT...



IS
THAT
SO...?

.....



WE'RE
HEADING
BACK.



WHERE
TO?



THEY'LL
BE FINE.

THEY
WON'T
GO ANY-
WHERE.

BH!?

BUT THE
SHEEP...

OF
COURSE,
THEY TEND
THEIR
FLOCKS.

I WISH
I'D RIDDEN
MY HORSE
HERE...



AND
WEAVE.



SFX: KARA KARA KARA



SFX: KARA (RATTLE) KARA KARA



THEY
SPIN
THREAD.



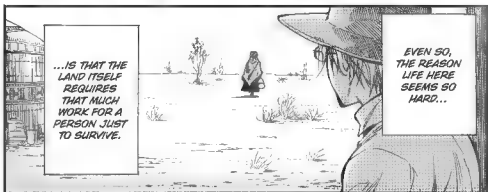
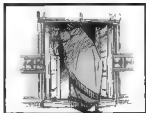
AND
MANY
OTHER
TASKS.

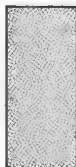
AND IN
THEIR FREE
MOMENTS,
THEY PRE-
PARE FOOD
THAT WILL
KEEP FOR
A LONG
TIME.

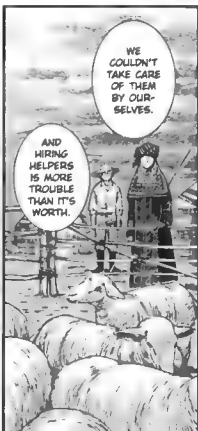


AND
EM-
BROID-
ER.

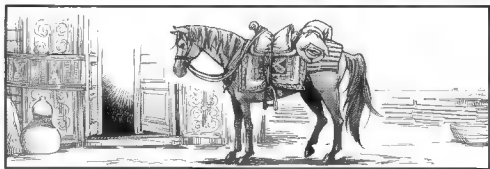
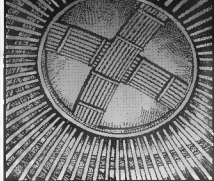
(THEY
SELL IT
FOR EXTRA
MONEY TO
LIVE ON.)



















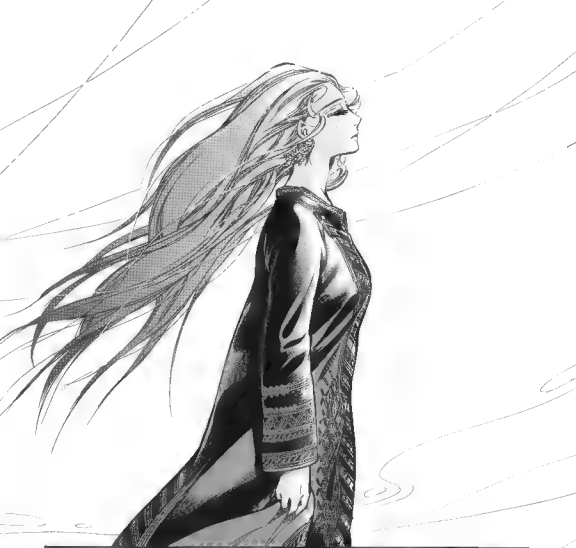


I AM SURE
YOU WERE
BROUGHT TO
OUR HOUSE
FOR A
REASON!



I WANT TO
GIVE TALAS TO
YOU. WON'T
YOU PLEASE
TAKE HER?







NO! SHE
ISN'T ANYBODY'S
PROPERTY! YOU
CANNOT GIVE
HER, NOR CAN I
TAKE HER...



I KNOW I'M
BIASED, BUT
SHE'S AN
EXCELLENT
GIRL.

YOU CAN
TAKE TALAS
WITH YOU.



I'M
SURE SHE
WOULDN'T
DISAPPOINT
AS YOUR
WIFE.

SHE CAN
DO JUST
ABOUT
ANYTHING
A WIFE
NEEDS TO
DO.



...I'M
SURE SHE
WOULDN'T,
BUT...

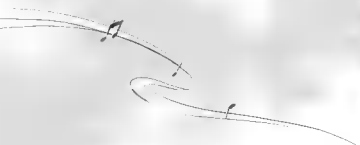
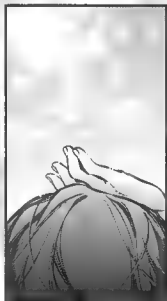
NO...
I MEAN...



I MEAN,
THE
WHOLE
PROPOSITION IS
IMPOS-
SIBLE!

THAT
DOESN'T
BOTHER
ME.

I'LL BE
LEAVING
SOON,
AND...







BONUS CHAPTER
PARIYA IS AT
THAT AGE



...BUT I
CERTAINLY
DON'T WANT
TO RUSH
INTO ANY-
THING —

IT'S NOT
THAT MY
STANDARDS
ARE TOO
HIGH...



PARIYA
IS AT
THAT
AGE.

BUT SHE
HASN'T
FOUND
A MATCH
YET.



PARIYA?

.....



...FOR
ONE THING,
IT ISN'T
THAT EASY
TO FIND A
MATCH.

IT'S AN
IMPOR-
TANT
CHOICE.

WELL, IT'S
TRUE THAT
A MATCH
HASN'T
BEEN FOUND
FOR ME YET,
BUT...

MODERATION



MY FATHER...



EMBROIDERY

UNEXPECTEDLY...



THE THING ABOUT MEN

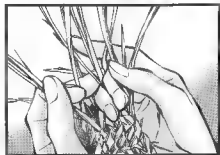


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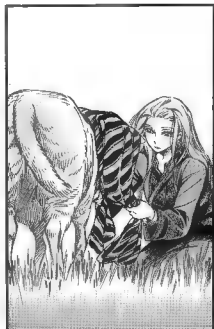


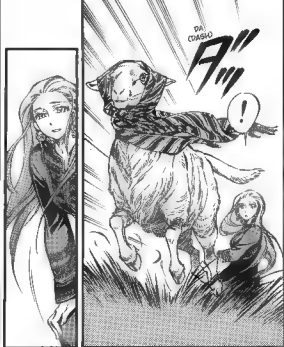


◆
CHAPTER FOURTEEN
TALAS'S
FEELINGS
◆











THERE!
NOW I'VE
GOT YOU!

STOP
RIGHT
THERE!



WELL,
NOW!
THERE'S
NO NEED
FOR
THAT!

PLEASE
WAIT!



I'M
LOSING
MY BAL-
ANCE!

STAND
STILL!

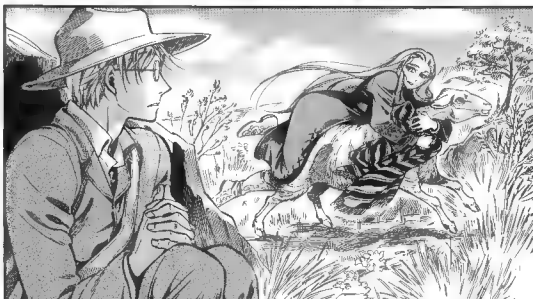


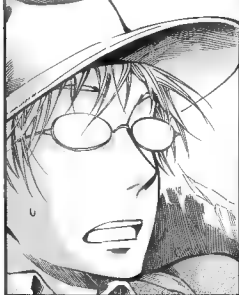
OH?



WHAT?

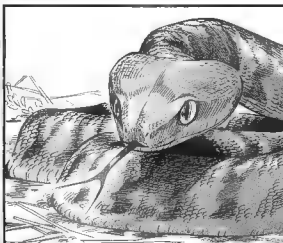
YOU
WANT ME
TO RIDE
YOU?













...WAS
BITTEN
BY A
SNAKE
...

MY
FOURTH
HUG-
BAND...



I'M
NOT...

...GOOD
WITH
SNAKES



I DON'T
INTEND
TO GET
CLOSE.

DON'T
WOR-
RY.



YOU
CAN'T!

DON'T!

PLEASE
DON'T!



KA
CTOX

KA



SHAAAA
(SHSSSS)



EX-
CUSE
ME.



SHA
(SSST)



SHU
(SHK)







UM...

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN,
MR. SMITH...

...TO
SEND
YOU OUT
HERE?



NO,
PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME.

I MUST
HAVE
SCARED YOU
TERRIBLY!



IT'S SOME-
THING OF A
PERSONAL
DILEMMA
OF MINE.

PLEASE
DON'T
WORRY
YOUR-
SELF
OVER
IT.



NO!
NO!

IS
THERE
ANY
WAY
I CAN
HELP?



YES, WELL,
SOMETHING
A BIT TROU-
BLING DID
OCCUR...

...AND I
NEEDED TO
THINK IT
OVER.



I'D LIKE
TO STAY
OUT HERE
A LITTLE
LONGER.

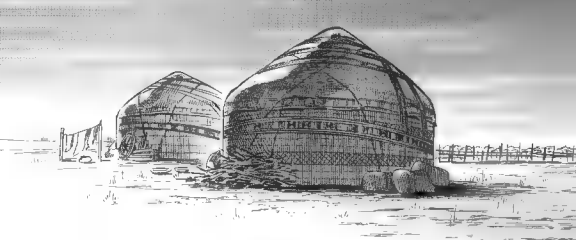
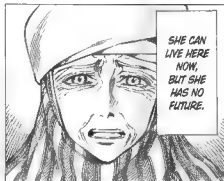
SO IF YOU
WERE ABOUT
TO GO BACK,
PLEASE GO
AHEAD...

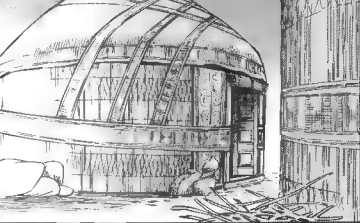


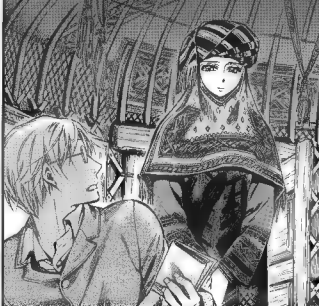
WELL,
TO BE
PERFECTLY
HONEST,
IT ISN'T
JUST MY
PROBLEM...

...BUT
DECIDING
HOW I
SHOULD
PROCEED
IS UP
TO ME.









I SUPPOSE SHE MAY THINK A PROMISE WAS MADE, BUT IT ISN'T TRUE!

I CERTAINLY HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION...



NO!
NO!

MOTHER TELLS ME THAT MY HAND IN MARRIAGE HAS BEEN PROMISED TO YOU.



THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY PROMISES!

PERISH THE THOUGHT!!



.....



I DOUBT ANYONE WOULD OBJECT TO YOU...



AND IF CIRCUMSTANCES WERE DIFFERENT, THEN CERTAINLY... YOU HAVE MANY ENDEARING CHARMS AS A WOMAN!

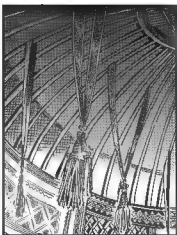
NO, I DON'T MEAN THAT I HAVE ANY QUALMS OVER YOUR WORTH AS A BRIDE!

IT'S A PROBLEM BEFORE THAT!



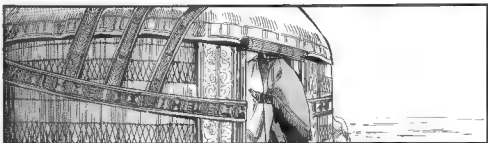














THINKING
IT OVER...

...THEY'VE
BEEN
LIVING ON
THIS LAND
SINCE THE
FORGOTTEN
PAST.

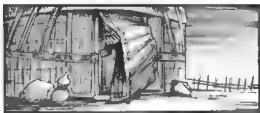
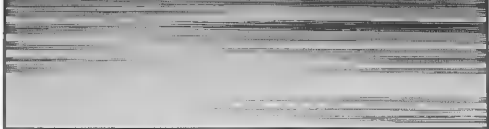


THE LAND
ITSELF
REQUIRES
THAT MUCH
WORK FOR
A PERSON
JUST TO
STAY ALIVE.

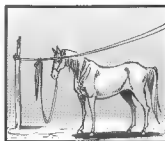
AND FOR
GENERATION
AFTER
GENERATION...



...THE
PEOPLE OF
THIS LAND
HAVE DONE
EXACTLY
THAT.









PLEASE RIDE
CHUBAR
ON YOUR
JOURNEY.



BUT...

...YOU
NEED A
HORSE
NOW,
DON'T
YOU?



I
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY!

NO!!



THAT
ISN'T THE
PROB-
LEM!

HE
DOESN'T
MIND LONG
JOUR-
NEYS.

IT'S
QUITE
ALL
RIGHT.

YOUR
PRECIOUS
HORSE!

HE HAS
VERY
STRONG
LEGS.



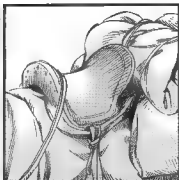
BEFORE
MOTHER
AWAKENS.

HURRY.
YOUR
GEAR.



HE
LIKES
OATS.

PLEASE
GIVE HIM
SOME
FROM
TIME TO
TIME.









THAT
EUROPEAN
OUT THAT
WAY WAS
SNOOPING
■ TO ALL
KINDS OF
THINGS!



IT'S
TRUE!

I SAW
IT WITH
MY
OWN
EYES!



HE'S THE
SPY THEY'RE
TALKING
ABOUT! I'M
CERTAIN!

WE BOTH
KNOW
WHAT
THAT'S
ABOUT,
RIGHT?



IF YOU LET
HIM GET
AWAY...

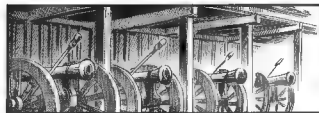
...HE'S
SURE TO
BRING BACK
HIS TROOPS
IN NUMBERS
LIKE A PACK
OF HUNGRY
WOLVES...



SPY: DO (GALLOP)

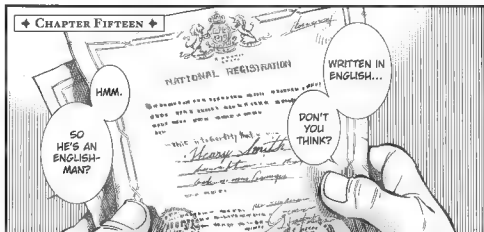








◆ CHAPTER FIFTEEN ◆



CHAPTER FIFTEEN
REUNION











AT ANY
RATE,
COULD YOU
CONTACT
MY CON-
SULATE...

OR
EVEN THE
EMBASSY!
WHATEVER
YOU WILL!

ONCE
YOU DO,
THIS WILL
ALL BE
CLEARED
UP!



I HAVE
NO
ENMITY
FOR
ANY-
ONE!

AND I'M
CER-
TAINLY
NO SPY!



I BEG
OF YOU!

THIS IS
ALL A
MISTAKE!



WHAT
WOULD I
DO IF THEY
CONFIS-
CATED
EVERY-
THING?

AT THE
VERY LEAST,
I'D LIKE MY
NOTEBOOK
BACK...

NO.
I'VE BEEN
ARRESTED. I
HAVE MORE
SERIOUS
WORRIES.

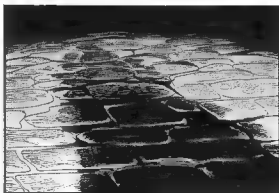
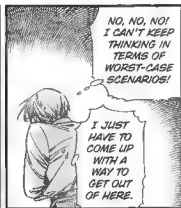


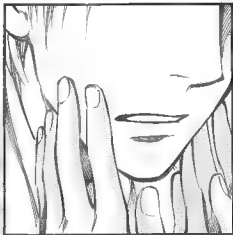
I HAD MY
IDENTIFICATION
AND TRAVEL
PAPERS ALL
IN ORDER, SO
I THOUGHT
THERE'D BE NO
PROBLEM...

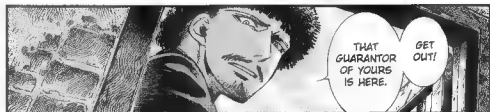
DAMN...













LOOKS LIKE
YOU'VE HAD
A ROUGH
TIME.

HEY.

MR.
SMITH?



YOU
ASKED
FOR ME,
RIGHT?

UM...
WHO
MIGHT
YOU
BE?

I'M
YOUR
GUIDE
TO
ANKARA.



GOOD FOR YOU!
GOOD FOR YOU!

GOOD
TO SEE
YOU
WELL.

YOUR
HEAD'S
STILL
ATTACHED,
ANYWAY.

PECHI

PECHI (PRT)

?

?



I.D.
PAPERS?

SO THEY
FINALLY
CONFIRMED
MY IDEN-
TIFICATION
PAPERS?

THOSE
WON'T
DO YOU
ANY
GOOD.



AH!

THEN
YOU'RE
THE
GUIDE!?





WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
"DID
SOME-
THING
HAPPEN"
!?

WE HEARD
SOMEONE
MATCHING
YOUR
DESCRIPTION
WAS IMPRISONED
HERE...



DID
SOME-
THING
HAP-
PEN?

COMING
ALL THE
WAY OUT
HERE...

THANK
GOODNESS
YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT!
YOU ARE,
AREN'T
YOU!?

IT IS
YOU, MR.
SMITH!



IS THAT
HOW IT
WORKS!?

HUH!?

WELL, WE
GENERALLY
HEAR OF
EVERYTHING
WITHIN A
FOUR-DAY
JOURNEY.



WE'RE
SO FAR
AWAY
FROM
WHERE
YOU
LIVE,
AREN'T
WE!?

EH!?

HOW DID
YOU FIND
OUT!?



TRAV-
ELING
COMPAN-
IONS.

TRAVELING
COMPAN-
IONS.

WHO'S
THIS?



.....





I COME FROM TABRIZ.

I'M THE GRANDSON OF ARZAKIHR, SON OF ISHMAEL, ALI.



WOW, WHAT A POLITE INTRODUCTION!

I AM A FRIEND OF MR. SMITH'S, AKUNBEK'S SON, KARLUK.

NICE TO MEET YOU.



I COULDN'T GET USED TO IT.

HUH? YOU SHAVED YOUR BEARD?

WHAT A WASTE!



OH, I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER!



AH, IS THIS YOUR WIFE?

AND HER FRIEND?



WAIT, YOU ALREADY HAVE SOME!

YOU NEED SOME DIFFERENT CLOTHES ...



CAN'T YOU WEAR IT WITH A LITTLE MORE STYLE?

PUT THIS ON. TIGHTEN UP THE BELT...



I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE STILL IN ONE PIECE.

THAT'D DRAW EYES.

IS THIS NO GOOD?

HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF CAUTION?



EH?

HEY, BOSS. YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE IN THOSE CLOTHES?



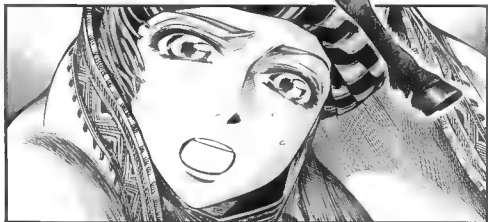


















IS
THAT
SO?





IT WAS
JUST A
SHORT
TIME AGO.

MY
UNCLE
CAME BY
AGAIN.



AH! IT
WAS MY
UNCLE!

AFTER
WHAT HE
SAID...



HE IS
OUT AT THE
MOMENT...

...BUT
HE'LL BE
BACK IN
NO TIME.



WELL,
WHAT
HAVE WE
HERE?

I DON'T
SEE ANY
EUROPEAN!



REALLY?
I WONDER
ABOUT
THAT!



.....YOU CAN
BET HE'LL BE
BACK SOON.



HE'S
NEVER
COMING
BACK
HERE
AGAIN!

TO THAT
EURO-
PEAN,
RIGHT?

WAIT ALL
YOU WANT!
HE ISN'T
COMING
BACK!



YOU
NEVER
GIVE UP,
DO YOU?

SO,
ABOUT OUR
ARRANGE-
MENT...

I'VE
ALREADY
REFUSED
YOU.

TALAS
IS AL-
READY-



AND HOW
WOULD
YOU KNOW
THAT?



WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE...!?

TALK!
IT HAD
BETTER
BE THE
TRUTH!

WELL?



UM...
I DON'T
QUITE
KNOW HOW
TO EXPLAIN
IT...

IT'S
OVER
ME.



IN AN
INSTANT,
I FLED
AND CAME
HERE...

I...
WASN'T
THINK-
ING.



SITU-
ATION?

WELL,
I DIDN'T
DO ANY-
THING.

THE
SITUATION
SIMPLY
TURNED
OUT THAT
WAY.

DOES HE
HAVE A
GRUDGE
AGAINST
YOU?



AND MY
UNCLE
MUST'VE
FELT MR.
SMITH WAS
IN THE
WAY...

SO MY
MOTHER
ASKED MR.
SMITH TO
TAKE ME AS
HIS WIFE...

MY UNCLE
HAS BEEN
PESTERING US
FOR A LONG
TIME TO MAKE
ME HIS SON'S
SECOND WIFE.



HE
FALSELY
ACCUSED
YOU OVER
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?
IS HE OUT
OF HIS
MIND?

HE
SHOULD
BE THE
ONE
BEING
HATED!



WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THAT?

THAT'S
AW-
FUL!

I CAN
HARDLY
BELIEVE
IT...

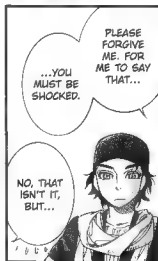




HE
CAME TO
US AS A
GUEST...

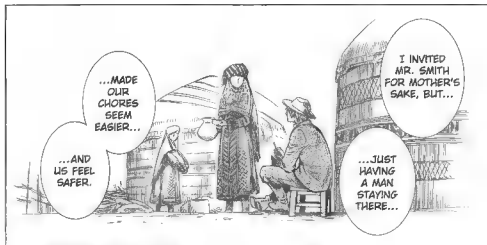












...MADE
OUR
CHORES
SEEM
EASIER...

...AND
US FEEL
SAFER.

I INVITED
MR. SMITH
FOR MOTHER'S
SAKE, BUT...

...JUST
HAVING
A MAN
STAYING
THERE...



...IT
BECAME
HARDER
AND HARDER
TO STOP
MYSELF.

AND
WHEN I
STARTED
TO THINK
LIKE
THAT...



...IF HE
COULD
STAY
FOREVER.

WITHOUT
THINKING
TOO DEEPLY
ABOUT IT, I
JUST FELT
THAT IT
WOULD BE
NICE...



WHEN
MOTHER
BROUGHT
UP THE
SUBJECT,
MY HEART
SKIPPED A
BEAT.

MR. SMITH
SEEMS LIKE A
NICE PERSON,
DOESN'T HE?





WOULDN'T
IT BE
TROUBLE-
SOME IF WE
THOUGHT OF
HIM IN THAT
WAY?

BUT HE IS A
TRAVELING
MAN.



HE'S POLITE
AND CIVIL...

AND HE
TELLS ME
THAT HE'S
SINGLE.



SO I
THOUGHT
I HAD TO
PUT A
STOP TO
IT.

BEFORE
SHE SAID
THAT, I NEVER
THOUGHT SHE'D
SERIOUSLY
CONSIDER IT.



...IS WHAT
I THOUGHT,
BUT.....

I HAD
TO PUT
A STOP
TO IT...



IT WAS
LIKE SHE
COULD SEE
THROUGH
ME.

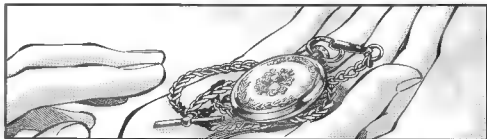
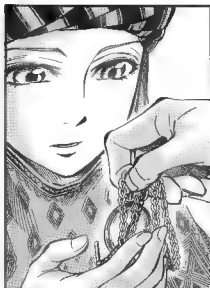
I DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT.

AND SUCH
A MATCH
WOULD MAKE
PROBLEMS
FOR HIM.



















COME TO
THINK OF IT,
I HAVEN'T
SEEN
ANYBODY
IN THE
TUS CLAN
RECENTLY.

THE
STORY I
HEARD
WAS...

WOULDN'T
IT BE THE
SERBET OR
PARMISH
INSTEAD?

I HEAR
THE HR CLAN
HAD THEIR
GRAZING
RANGES TAKEN
AND ARE REAL-
LY ANGRY
ABOUT IT.

I THINK
THE KARGAN
CLAN IS
MORE LIKELY
TO DO THAT.

DON'T THE
KARGAN
COLLABO-
RATE WITH
RUSSIA?



YOUR
WIFE'S
FAMILY?

EH?
WHAT'S
THAT?

YOU'VE
GOT
RELA-
TIVES?



IT'S
PROBABLY
THE
HALGAL
CLAN.

EVER SINCE
THEY CHANGED
LEADERSHIP,
THEY'VE BEEN
ITCHING FOR
A FIGHT.



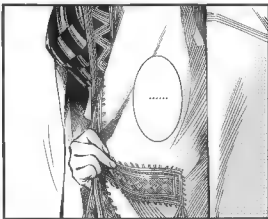
WELL,
THAT'S A
WORRY
FOR
SURE.

IF I HEAR
ANYTHING,
I'LL BE
SURE TO
PASS IT
ALONG.

WE'D
APPRE-
CIATE IT.



...THE
FIRST THING
I THOUGHT
WAS WHAT
A FINE
WOMAN
YOU ARE.



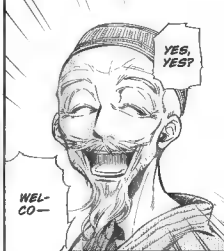




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CHAPTER SIXTEEN
EATING AT THE
MARKET
◆













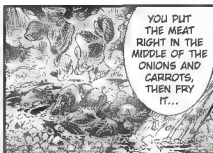






SFX: BATA (FLAP) BATA BATA BATA BATA BATA











GO STICK
IT ON THE
CAPTAIN'S
BILL!

IF YOU GO
STRAIGHT THAT
WAY, THERE'S A
GUARDBOUSE.



AH!

HEY!
WHAT
ABOUT
MY
MONEY
I?



YOU
FOUND
SOME
GOOD-
LOOKING
FOOD!

OH!

YES.



AH! HE'S
BACK!



THANK
GOODNESS!
WE'VE BEEN
WAITING!

I WAS
WORRIED
IT WOULD
GET COLD.

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.









HMM?



WHAT?
IS THIS A
PARTY?

I'VE
BROUGHT
FOOD
TOO!

HAVE AS
MUCH AS
YOU LIKE!



CHEAP!

EXACTLY!
ABSO-
LUTELY!

LIKE
MEAT OR
SOME-
THING!

CAN'T YOU
BRING
ANYTHING
BETTER?

YOU
DISAP-
POINT
ME, SIR!



MISTER,
YOU BOAST
EVERY DAY
OF YOUR
GENEROS-
ITY...

...AND
YOU JUST
BRING
A FEW
SNOW
MELONS?



NNNNH...



THEY'RE
RIGHT!
WHAT A
CHEAP-
SKATE!







YOU MIGHT
FIND A VERY
FORGIVING
FAMILY THAT
TAKES A LIKING
TO YOU IN
ANOTHER
TOWN.



WHAT?

YOU
WANT TO GO
TRAVELING
WITH THAT
YOUNG EIHON
COUPLE?



YES, I
THINK YOU
SHOULD
GO.

YOU SHOULD
GO SOMEPLACE
NEW AND MEET
MANY PEOPLE.



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
BOY? A
NICE
YOUNG
LADY,
HAM?



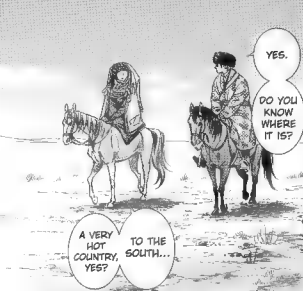
YOU KNOW
ME! I DON'T
MAKE JOKES
ABOUT THAT!

NOW,
NOW!
DON'T
MAKE FLIN
OF THE
YOUNG
COUPLE!

PUT THEM
TOGETHER,
AND SHE
STARTS TO
BLUSH!

WHAT
A NICE,
QUIET
GIRL!







THERE'S
NO TELLING
WHAT LIES
AHEAD,
THEY SAY.

◆ CHAPTER SEVENTEEN ◆



IN A
TOWN
THAT WAS
NOTHING
BUT A
WAY-
POINT...

...MY
HORSE
AND
BAGGAGE
WERE
STOLEN.



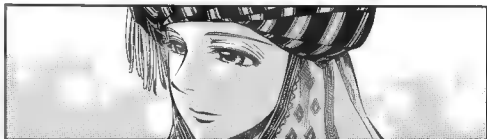
AND I
THINK
THEY'RE
QUITE
RIGHT.



I CERTAINLY
NEVER
EXPECTED
EVERYTHING
WOULD BE
RETURNED...



...NOR DID
I EVER
IMAGINE
THE FELLOW
VICTIM WHO
INVITED
ME TO HER
HOUSE...



...WOULD
BECOME
...

...SOMEONE
I WOULD
PROMISE
TO SPEND
MY FUTURE
WITH.



...SOMETHING
ELSE IS
HAPPENING...

...TO
THROW
THAT
PLAN
INTO
CHAOS.

AND
NOW...

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CHAPTER SEVENTEEN
HEADING TO
ANKARA
◆

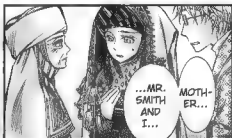
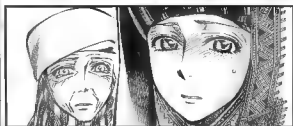
















**SHE'S
MY
DAUGH-
TER
NOW!**

**SO DON'T
YOU DARE
TRY ANY-
THING!**



**GET
INSIDE!**

**AND
DON'T
COME
OUT!**



**YOU
PLAGUE!!**



**GET
OUT! GO
HOME!**

**IF IT
WEREN'T
FOR YOU, I
WOULDN'T
HAVE HAD
ALL THESE
PROBLEMS!**



**BUT IF
YOU WON'T
LEAVE...**



**WE HAVE
NOTHING
TO TALK
ABOUT!**

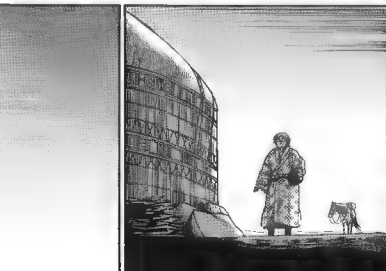
HMPH!



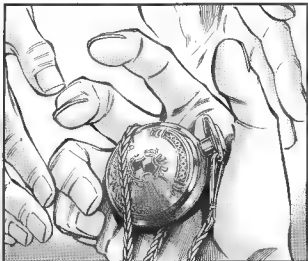
**WAIT
JUST
A MO-
MENT!**

**...BUT
PLEASE,
JUST
CALM
DOWN
AND
LISTEN
TO—**

**I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT
HAP-
PENED...**



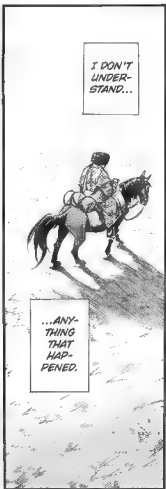






OR HOW
THE SITU-
ATION...

...
CHANGED
SO
QUICKLY.



I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...

...ANY-
THING
THAT
HAD-
PENED.





















NOBODY
SEEMED TO
WANT THE
JOB.

YOU'D BE
A HUNTED
MAN, AND
NOBODY...

...
WANTED
TO SHARE
IN YOUR
FATE.



ALI.

YES,
ALI.

UHM...
YOUR
NAME
IS...



TO
GUIDE
ONE
ENGLISH-
MAN
BACK.

I WAS
JUST
HIRED
FOR THE
JOB.

NOPE.

SO
YOU'RE A
FRIEND OF
HOSKINS,
ALI?



THE
MONEY.

THE PAY
IS GOOD.



.....



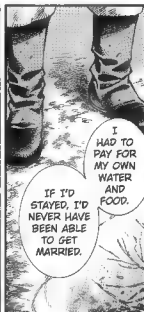
SO WHY
DID YOU
TAKE IT?



THE
MONEY.

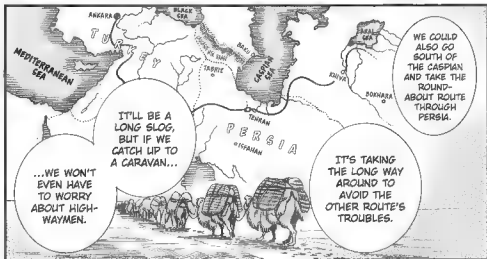
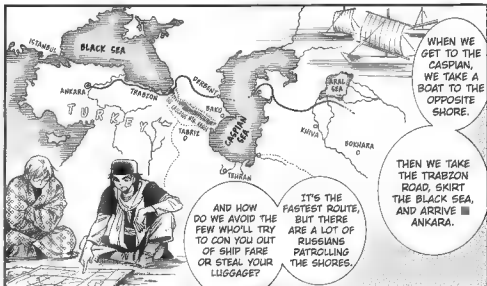
AH...





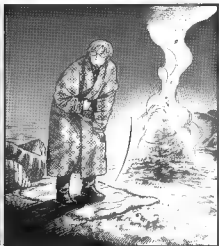
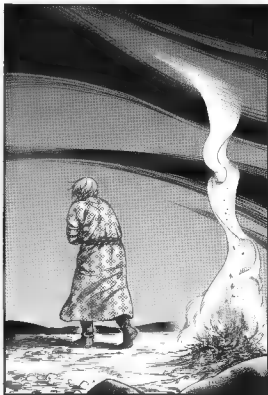




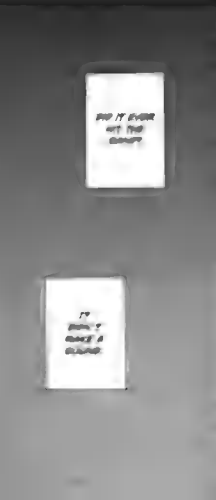






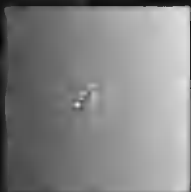






DID IT EVER
HIT THE
GROUND

IT
DIDN'T
MAKE A
SOUND

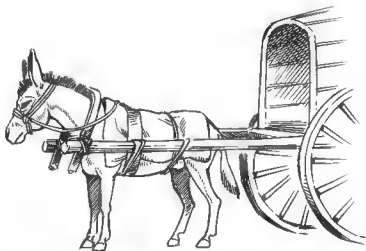




I IMAGINE
SOMEONE
WILL FIND IT
AND TAKE IT.



AFTERWORD

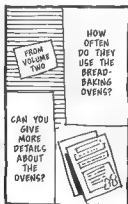
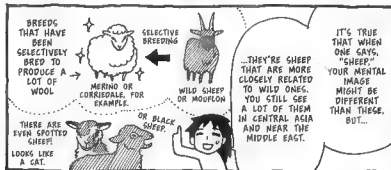


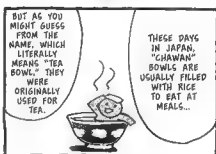
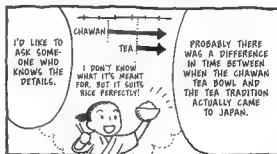
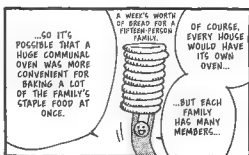


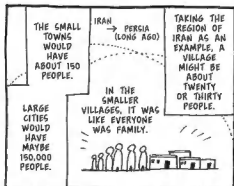
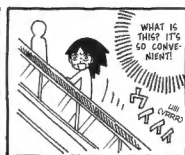
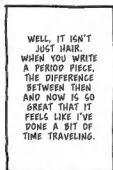
AFTERWORD TAN-TA-DAAH MANGA

"THE SUN SETS ON MY FARAWAY MOUNTAIN"









...EVEN NOW,
MY COLLECTION
OF MAID DOLLS
JUST KEEPS
GETTING BIGGER
AND BIGGER.



COME TO THINK OF
IT, I THOUGHT WHEN
MY PREVIOUS WORK,
EMMA, ENDED, IT
WOULD STOP, BUT...

AND
WHAT WILL
AMIR'S
NEXT KILL
BE??



BUT WILL
MR. SMITH
MAKE IT
SAFELY TO
ANKARA??

AND WHAT
WILL HAPPEN
WITH PARIYA
AND THE
PROSPECTIVE
HUSBAND SHE
SUDDENLY
MET??



MR. SMITH HAS
HAD A ROUGH
TIME OF IT, BUT
HE'S FINALLY
STARTED HIS
JOURNEY...

NOW...

...AND
WITH THE
ADDITION
OF HIS
GUIDE, ALL
HIS ROAD
MAY BE A
LITTLE
MORE FUN.



...AS
WE GO
ON TO
VOLUME
FOUR
.....



THOSE
AND
MANY
OTHER
QUESTIONS
WILL BE
AN-
SWERED
...

AND WILL
MAME-TAN
MAKE IT TO
THE NEXT
VOLUME?



I
MIGHT
NOT!?

GOOD-
BYE!
FARE-
WELL!

SEE
YOU
NEXT
TIME!



THE
END.



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